

Our VALUES: Christ centredness, Prayerfulness, Welcoming and caring, Bible focussed, Fellowship

people, & grow disciples of Christ.”

- To help you chose, rosters/lists have been put up in the narthex, e.g. for Sunday morning live-streaming, bible readers, intercessors and after service fellowship, gardening, flower arrangement.
- For any other areas in church life in which you could assist, please speak to the Wardens or Santa.

St John's News (May 2024)

- Submitting articles for the May 2024 issue of St John's news is now closed.

BIRTHDAYS:
Amenda P. (tomorrow!)

Rosters

	Today Sunday 12 May	Pentecost Sunday 19 May
	Combined Holy Communion Service with Statutory Parish Meeting	Combined Holy Communion Service to celebrate the birthday of the church
	10AM (HC) Livestreamed	10AM (HC) Livestreamed
Sides Person	Barbara Canty	Susan McDermott
Reader	Anthony Lyons	Various readers
Prayer	Terry Nisbet	Lyn Beaumont
Communion	Julia P./Terry N.	??/??
PowerPoint	David Packianathan	David Packianathan
Video Tech	Anthony Lyons	Anthony Lyons
Morning tea	M. Bullen	??/??
Counters	Susan McDermott Jill Baker	Don Fitzgerald Roger McGrail

On line services

At the time of today's live-streamed service, or after, please use the link below:
<https://youtube.com/channel/UCwvuRjxqIX4njbrwZJBqNXQ/live>

Readings for Sunday 19 May, Pentecost Sunday*
'Filled with the Holy Spirit'

Acts 2;1-11; Psalm 104:26-32; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13; John 20:19-23

Sentence: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4

Ministers: All Parishioners

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Administrative Assistant: Anthony Lyons 9557 2226



Online Giving

**St John's Anglican Church
Bentleigh**

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**Welcome to
St. John's, Bentleigh**

**Combined
Holy Communion
Service at 10AM
(Livestreamed
with
Children's Message)**

Bible Readings:

Acts 1:15-26;
1 John 4:13-21;
John 17:11-19

Hymns

See TV screens

**Flowers arranged by
Jill Baker**

**Please take this
pew sheet with you
as you leave!**

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**12 May 2024, Easter 7, Sunday after
Ascension Day & Mother's Day.**

'Love and hatred'

Sentence: Those who say, "I love God", and hate their brothers or sisters are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen. 1 John 4:20

'Leading the parish into growth' prayer:

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship & Power to our witness. Help our church of St. John's to grow in spiritual commitment to you, in numbers, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth until the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Calendar:

- **TODAY**, Commissioning of Prayer Chain Ministers & Statutory Parish Meeting (after service)
- 13 May, 10AM-12PM, Craft, chat & cuppa.
- 15 May, No mid-week service due to Ministry Conference (*Marmingatha Episcopate*).
- 16 May, 3:45-5PM, Narthex, *Maths/English tutoring*.
- 19 May, **PENTECOST SUNDAY**. Combined Service 10AM. Please wear something **RED**.
- 19 May, 4-6PM, Messy Church.

Future dates:

- 20 May, 11AM, Blue Cross visit.
- 21 May, 4PM-6PM, Parish Council meeting
- 25 May, 10AM-2PM, Kids & craft market.
- 26 May, Asylum Seekers fund-raiser lunch (see pg.3)

Thanks to Bruce Seamer who is our Locum Musician today.

As we gather in the presence of God, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the country on which St. John's is situated, the Bunurong People of the Kulin nation. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

OUR VISION: To be a centre of God's love and hope!

Leading Church into Growth (LyCiG) training

Last Sunday, I announced the most recent online *LyCiG Refresh* training that I attended (together with one other parish councillor). Understanding LyCiG principles is essential to better engage in the process.

The topic discussed was, "**Creating a Prayerful Culture of Growth**" at St. John's. Some ideas to further encourage and enhance a culture of praying for growth were:

- Unpacking the theology of the LyCiG prayer.
- Incorporating creative actions while praying the LyCiG.
- Praying with creative actions could continue during the usual intercessory prayer time.
- Praying intentionally for five people known to us.
- Praying with a sense of expectancy.
- Prayerfully identifying areas where there is minimal representation in the church services and then going for a prayer walk in those areas.

We also spoke about challenges which hinder growing a prayerful culture of growth. In the group I was in, we identified elements like hardness of the heart and the existing culture that is unwilling to change.

We also spoke of '**stepping stone**' events that could be used to invite people back to church. Some suggestions included inviting people for special services, Craft Group, Messy Church and Messy Movies. Inviting people to special services, Craft Group and Messy Church are already happening at St. John's. Messy Movies refers to the screening of family-oriented movies in the church with popcorn and light supper provided. *For this to occur, a license for screening movies publicly is required.*

I look forward to the next *LyCiG Refresh* session on 6 June (7.30pm to 8.30pm). Why not join me and participate in this session from the comfort of your own home? I pray that many parishioners will be willing to join in and participate. The focus is "**Beginning a Planned Journey of Growth.**"

Santa, Soli Deo Gloria ©

PS - Happy Mother's Day to all who have & continue to Mother us!

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Prayers: church & the world

- The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn, Spiritual Health Victoria Council, St Peter's Ocean Grove & All Saints' Barwon Heads, Clifton Hill, All Saints' Clayton, Ascension Parish Burwood, Holy Trinity & Emmanuel Oakleigh, & for all parishes awaiting new ministers.
- Praise God for the persons being sent by God to this parish as *parish musician and children/families minister.*

Our Mission: To love God, love people, grow disciples of Christ!

Prayers: Derek & Rosemary Snibson (CMS missionaries in NT)

- Please pray for a quick transition into their daily routines.

Miscellaneous prayers:

- Praying for peace, Ukraine/Russia, Yemen, Syria, Libya, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Israeli/Gaza/Palestine, Sudan & other areas in conflict/unrest.
- Praying for everyone affected by natural disasters, e.g., flooding in Kenya, Brazil, Indonesia.
- Praying for healing on Alison, Annette, Audrey, Ben, Carol, Claire, Clarice, David, Gladys, Graham, Janice, Jim, Jo, John, Justin, Ken, Lena, Marlene, Mavis, Rebecca, Russell, Sandra, Seelan, Verna, Allan & Judy, C&J & family, +Gerald & Lyn, Jon & Val, Manal & family, Pauline & family, Sally & family, Samia & family, & all we remember.

Thank you

- Thanks to everyone who came along and participated at the first Cards Night yesterday.

Statutory parish meeting

- Please **complete the attendance register** before the commencement of this meeting.

Commissioning of Prayer Chain Ministry

- Commissioning of the Prayer Chain Ministry Team will take place during today's service. Please show your support and prayers for them.

Pentecost (19 May @ 10AM only)

- We are seeking people with

different language skills (other than English) for the Bible readings on Pentecost.

- Please indicate on the signup sheet on the narthex noticeboard ASAP.

Community Fund raiser (ASRC Feast for Freedom)

- **Aim:** To support refugees and asylum seekers in their harrowing journey for a safer new life.
- **Date/time:** 26 May from 11.30AM
- **Cost:** \$20/person
- **Venue:** Pickford Hall.
- If you can donate ingredients or cook a delicious dish, please inform Shirley and Jill (head chefs).
- Come one, come all & bring your friends or family!
- Enquiries and RSVP to Don.
- *Signup sheet on the foyer entry noticeboard (near the TV screen).*

Archbishop Philip and Mrs. Joy Freier's visit (16 June @ 10AM)

- Please mark this date/time in your calendar and come along.

Donations for Dixon House & Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC):

- Please place your donations in the baskets in the Narthex.
- Dixon House, enquiries to Gwen Wilson.
- For Asylum Seekers, for May, powdered milk or tinned soup is being accepted. Enquires to Susan McDermott.

Active participation in St. John's

- Everyone's support and participation is necessary to help in the mission of St John's: "To love God, love